

Homewood City Schools DRESS CODE

In keeping with the policies of propriety, a student should take pride in his/her appearance and dress appropriately for school. A student dress code is necessary to maintain a school atmosphere that supports and encourages learning. Dress and/or grooming styles that draw an inordinate amount of attention to the individual student or cause divisiveness are considered inappropriate for school and are a violation of the dress code. The dress and/or grooming style of any student must not interfere with the educational process in any way.

Non-conformity to the dress code is a Class I offense and will be treated as such. In addition, students will be asked to come into compliance with the dress code immediately. Parents will be contacted and may be asked to furnish appropriate clothing. Students should adhere to the following guidelines:

1. Students must be neat, clean, and well groomed while at school. An unkempt or sloppy appearance is inappropriate.
2. Jeans and other outerwear must be neat, clean, with no holes, tears, or inappropriate patches.
3. Shirts worn untucked must be neat and not look unkempt.
4. Students must be fully clothed at all times with no bare midriffs, bare sides or bare shoulders. Clothing that may be considered provocative, see-through clothing or skintight clothing is prohibited. Low riding and low cut pants are prohibited.
5. Students must wear appropriate undergarments. Undergarments should not be visible.
6. Skirts, dresses, and shorts must be fingertip length or longer. No old worn/torn or other type cut-off shorts are allowed.
7. Gym-type clothing, such as soccer shorts or gym shorts can be worn only at the elementary level. Sweat suits and wind suits are considered appropriate classroom attire at all grade levels. Skintight work out or activity clothing is prohibited. Leggings may be worn with uniform skirt and considered appropriate classroom attire with sponsor and principal approval.
8. Caps, hats, bandannas, and other types of headwear or sunglasses are not to be worn at any time in the school building. Students wearing such items in the building during school hours will have them confiscated.
9. **Clothing and/or personal items bearing reference to alcoholic beverages, tobacco products, drugs, drug-related slogans, sexual activity, violence, Satanism, the occult, or any other wording, drawing, or picture that in any way is questionable or reasonably can be interpreted as being off-color, suggestive, or offensive are prohibited.**
10. Clothing or personal items, or visible references which identify a student as associated with a gang, social club, fraternity, sorority, or any subversive, unlawful, or unauthorized organization are prohibited.
11. Shoes or sandals must be worn.
12. Hair must be clean and well groomed, should not impair vision or be of a length that would be dangerous around equipment.
13. Distracting hair styles, hair dyed unnatural colors, spiked hair, and shaven hair patterns are prohibited.
14. Decorative contact lenses, facial or tongue jewelry is prohibited.
15. The carrying of chains or chains connected to wallets are prohibited.
16. Any type of clothing or attire which represents trends or groups that are counter to the accomplishment of our purposes or could be disruptive to the learning environment can be prohibited.
17. With the approval of the principal, activity sponsors may establish different rules for dress and grooming as a prerequisite for membership and participation in the activity. The wearing of any such uniform or outfit should be limited to the activities and must conform to the dress code if worn in the classroom setting.

THE PRINCIPAL OR HIS/HER DESIGNEE SHALL HAVE FINAL AUTHORITY IN DETERMINING ACCEPTABLE OR UNACCEPTABLE DRESS AND/OR GROOMING.